

BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END

SEXUAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE VIOLENCE

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

116TH CONGRESS

DEAR FRIEND,

In the three years since we first launched the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, our nation has seen a sea change of attitudes in terms of how this abhorrent behavior is addressed across every facet of our society. Americans have learned much more about how to support survivors, mitigate their trauma, and hold perpetrators accountable. We've come to understand the critical importance of prevention and education to preempt this behavior in the first place.

Our Task Force has worked diligently to support these positive developments by holding roundtables to elevate sexual violence issues before Congress and the American people and promoting commonsense, bipartisan legislation that will combat this scourge.

Despite this progress, the challenges that remain are tremendous and we have a long way to go before the elimination of sexual violence. It is in this vein that we highlight our legislative agenda for the 116th Congress. These 17 bills provide substantive steps Congress can take now to protect children, address sexual violence in the military, online, and in our schools, empower law enforcement, improve data collection, tackle the sexual assault kit backlog, and raise awareness about this serious issue.

Each bill has been introduced by a Task Force member and has support from colleagues on both sides of the aisle. This is a living document that will grow as we continue to seek and refine new solutions to this crisis. We also look forward to hearing from you about your priorities. Together, we'll continue to work towards a time when no one will have to live in fear of sexual violence.

SINCERELY,

**Bipartisan Task Force to End
Sexual Violence Co-chairs**

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PROTECTING CHILDREN

HARMONY'S LAW; *REP. BRIAN MAST*

Eliminates statutes of limitations for sexual offenses in the military against children, and expresses the intent of Congress that the passage of time should not bar the prosecution of rape or sexual assault under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT; *REP. KATHERINE CLARK*

Defines “trauma-informed practices” for the first time ever in federal education law. It would also provide key federal funding to invest in teacher professional development, ensuring educators the training and resources they need to utilize trauma-informed care.



CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

CLERY COMPLIANCE OFFICER DESIGNATION ACT; *REP. ANNIE KUSTER*

Provides an important update to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics (Clery) Act by requiring institutions of higher education to designate a specific person or group of people to compile and report Clery Act crimes in an accurate and timely manner.

HOLD ACCOUNTABLE AND LEND TRANSPARENCY (HALT) ON CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ACT; *REP. JACKIE SPEIER*

Strengthens prevention efforts and the enforcement of laws to eradicate the epidemic of campus sexual violence and hold perpetrators accountable.



CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**RAVI THACKURDEEN SAFE STUDENTS STUDY
ABROAD ACT;
*REP. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY***

Requires colleges and universities to release data on deaths, sexual assault, hospitalizations, and events that generate police reports on students in study abroad programs.



MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

**ENSURE VICTIMS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA
RECEIVE TREATMENT ACT;
*REP. JACKIE WALORSKI***

Allows victims of military sexual trauma to be reimbursed for travel outside of their Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) when seeking treatment. Many veterans often must travel far distances for treatment but are unable to obtain the travel benefits they need to make the trip.



ONLINE HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**STOPPING HARMFUL IMAGE EXPLOITATION AND
LIMITING DISTRIBUTION (SHIELD) ACT;
*REP. JACKIE SPEIER***

Ensures that the Department of Justice has an appropriate and effective tool to address these serious privacy violations. It establishes a narrow federal criminal liability for individuals who share private, sexually explicit or nude images without consent.



LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BILL'S PROMISE ACT; *REP. JOHN KATKO*

Requires a thorough review of our nation's current laws surrounding monitoring practices for individuals on pre-trial release.

COURTNEY WILD CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS REFORM ACT; *REP. JACKIE SPEIER*

Makes certain that victims of crime are treated with dignity throughout a criminal case and avoid further victimization by clarifying the scope of victims' rights and creating stronger judicial and administrative processes for victims to assert their rights.



LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CLOSING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSENT LOOPHOLE ACT; *REP. JACKIE SPEIER*

Makes it a criminal offense for a federal law enforcement officer to engage in a sexual act with anyone in his or her custody or while exercising their authority under color of law, regardless of consent. This would include federal agents, probation officers, judges, and prosecutors.



IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

CHILD AND ANIMAL ABUSE DETECTION & REPORTING ACT; *REP. ANNIE KUSTER*

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to compile and analyze cases where child and animal abuse co-occur in order to better identify and prevent these horrific crimes.

NOT INVISIBLE ACT; *REP. DEB HAALAND*

Establishes an advisory committee on violent crime comprised of law enforcement, tribal leaders, federal partners, service providers, and survivors to make recommendations to the Department of Interior and Department of Justice.



IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
GUIDANCE ACT;
*REP. JENNIFER WEXTON***

Directs the Attorney General to work in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and relevant law enforcement and domestic violence stakeholders to issue guidance, outlining best practices and resources, to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, with a unique focus on addressing domestic violence effectively while limiting potential exposure to COVID-19.

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT BACKLOG

H. RES. 81

REP. DAVE JOYCE

A Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representative regarding the need for State legislatures to pass comprehensive sexual assault kit reform by 2020 to address national backlogs and secure justice for survivors.

**SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS IN THE STATES ACT;
*REP. JACKIE SPEIER***

Encourages states to ensure that survivors have, at minimum, the rights guaranteed to survivors under federal law. States that provide these rights would be eligible for 10 percent of their STOP formula grant funding, the largest Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant.

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HOUSING SECURITY FOR SURVIVORS

**PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN PUBLIC
HOUSING ACT; *REP. JOHN KATKO***

Requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to report sexual harassment separately from other types of sex-based discrimination. This bill would also require the creation of an interagency initiative between HUD and DOJ to address the crisis related to this issue.



GENERAL AWARENESS

**H. RES. 319;
*REP. TOM REED***

A Resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.